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Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment and Revised Procedural Schedule

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Shawmut Hydroelectric Project, located on the Kennebec River in Kennebec and Somerset Counties, Maine, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. No federal land is occupied by project works or located within the project boundary.

The DEA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov/>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2322-069.

With this notice, we are waiving section 5.25(a) of the Commission's regulations that require the DEA to be issued no later than 180 days from the date responses are due to the notice of acceptance and ready for environmental analysis. Instead, the license application will be processed according to the following revised procedural schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

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TARGET DATE

Issue Draft EA

July 2021

Comments on Draft EA due

August 2021

Modified terms and conditions due

October 2021

Commission issues Final EA

January 2022

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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